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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *17 February 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-57* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-57* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on February 17, 2009. Claims 1-57 are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 02/17/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the art on record fails to teach 'applying a cryptographic function on at least five input values selected from a first array of values to generate at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values, and combining the at least five output values with the at least five mask values as recited in claim 1. Examiner disagrees.

Examiner would point out that, Ekdahl teaches applying a cryptographic function on input values selected from a first array of values to generate output values (i.e., R1, R2 of FSM, figures 1 and 2, section 2, a description of SNOW), selecting mask values from a second array of values (i.e., LFSR, figure 1, section 2, a description of SNOW). Furthermore, Prasad (US 6,560,212 B1) teaches at least five input values selected form a first array of values to generate a at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values and combining the first at least five values with the at least five mask values to generate a key stream block (see figures 1, 2 and 5, PN sequence, Masking operation and deBRUI JN sequence etc…,). Examiner would point out that the art on record teaches the claim limitations and therefore, the rejection is respectfully maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ekdahl et al. 'SNOW – a new stream cipher' Nov. 2001 (hereinafter Ekdahl) [mailed with PTO Form 892, mailed on 07/23/07] in view of Prasad et al. US 6,560,212 B1 (hereinafter Prasad).

As per claims 1, 27 and 37, Ekdahl teaches a method of generating key stream comprising:

applying a cryptographic function on input values selected from a first array of values to generate output values (i.e., R1, R2 of FSM, figures 1 and 2, section 2, a description of SNOW);

selecting mask values from a second array of values (i.e., LFSR, figure 1, section 2, a description of SNOW); and

combining the output values with the mask values to generate a key stream block for the key stream (i.e., combining the output of LFSR and FSM (R1,R2) to generate a running key, figure 1 and section 2, a description of SNOW);

wherein the first and second arrays are finite (i.e., figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW). Ekdahl does not explicitly teaches at least five input values selected form a first array of values to generate a at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values and combining the first at least five values with the at least five mask values to generate a key stream block. However, in the same field of endeavor, Prasad teaches at least five input values selected form a first array of values to generate a at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values and combining the first at least five values with the at least five mask values to generate a key stream block (see figures 1, 2 and 5, PN sequence, Masking operation and deBRUI JN

sequence etc…,). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to employ the teachings of Prasad within the system of Ekdahl in order to enhance the security of the system by combining larger number of input and output values in generating a key stream block.

As per claim 44, Ekdahl teaches an apparatus for generating a key stream comprising:

a linear feedback shift register (LFSR) configured to generate a first array of values, wherein the values of the first array correspond to the values of the LFSR states (i.e., R1, R2 of FSM, figures 1 and 2, section 2, a description of SNOW);

a nonlinear filter module configured to apply a cryptographic function on input values selected from the first array to generate output values (i.e., R1, R2 of FSM, figures 1 and 2, section 2, a description of SNOW); and

a combining module configured to combine the output values with mask values selected from a second array of values to generate a key stream block for the key stream (i.e., combining the output of LFSR and FSM (R1,R2) to generate a running key, figure 1 and section 2, a description of SNOW);

wherein the first and second arrays are finite (i.e., figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW). Ekdahl does not explicitly teaches at least five input values selected form a first array of values to generate a at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values and combining the first at least five values with the at least five mask values to generate a key stream block. However, in the same field of endeavor, Prasad teaches at least five input values selected form a first array of values to generate a at least five output values, selecting at least five mask values from a second array of values and combining the first at least five values with the at least five mask values to generate a key

stream block (see figures 1, 2 and 5, PN sequence, Masking operation and deBRUI JN sequence etc…,). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to employ the teachings of Prasad within the system of Ekdahl in order to enhance the security of the system by combining larger number of input and output values in generating a key stream block.

As per claims 2, 28, 38 and 45 Ekdahl further teaches the method further comprising generating the second array from the first array (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 3 and 5, Ekdahl further teaches the method further comprising using a linear feedback shift register (LFSR) to generate the first array, wherein the values of the first array correspond to the values of the LFSR states (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claim 4, Ekdahl further teaches the method further comprising clocking the LFSR to generate the second array (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claim 6-8 and 29 Ekdahl further teaches the method further comprising: applying the cryptographic function on updated input values selected from an updated first array of values to generate updated output values, selecting updated mask values from an updated second array of values, and combining output values with the updated mask values to generate a new key stream block for the key stream (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 9, 30 and 46, Ekdahl further teaches the method wherein the number of input values and the number of output values are equal (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 10 and 47 Ekdahl further teaches the method wherein the first and second array each comprises seventeen values (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 11-26, 31-36 and 48-53 Ekdahl further teaches the method wherein each value comprises of one or more words and wherein each word comprises two or more bytes (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 39-43, Ekdahl further teaches the medium further comprising: performing a byte-wise substitution of at least one byte of an input value to generate intermediate values, mixing at least two bytes of a primary intermediate values to generate a secondary value to generate the output values (figures 1, 2 and section 2, a description of SNOW).

As per claims 54-57, Ekdahl further teaches the method wherein each input value, output value and mask values comprises one or more words, each word having two or more bytes, and the key stream block comprises five or more words each having two or more bytes (i.e., Note that each key stream block is 32 bits long (more than two bytes) and the key size is either 128 or 256 bits (more than five words), see section 2 a description of SNOW).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BEEMNET W. DADA whose telephone number is (571)272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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